

## ROBIN TAKES POISON PILLS

INDICTED BANKER COLLAPSES  
JUST BEFORE ENTERING  
COURT BUILDING.

## STOMACH PUMP IS USED

Probably Saved His Life—Arraign-  
ment Postponed—Action Leaves  
Question of His Sanity  
Still Open.

New York, Dec. 30.—With head erect, shoulders square and eyes leveled at the batteries of cameras trained on him, Joseph G. Robin, the indicted banker, stepped from his sister's home this morning to face arraignment, calm in the knowledge that he had swallowed a dose of hyacin, the deadly ataroid with which Dr. Crippen killed his wife, Belle Elmore. Robin collapsed, before he could be taken into court, with the exclamation: "I am a dead man. I have taken poison tablets."

The case was postponed in the great excitement and a stomach pump was hurriedly brought into play. The sick man was carried first to the prison hospital and later to Bellevue, where he lies tonight in the criminal ward. No charge of attempted suicide is entered against him, and it is thought he will recover, though the action of hyacin is slow, and much will depend upon his vitality.

The time at which Robin took the drug is approximately fixed by the testimony of Dr. Flint, retained for Robin by Wm. Travers Jerome, his counsel.

Dr. Louise Robinson, his sister, and the two detectives, rode with him from his sister's house to the criminal courts building.

Dr. Flint told the court that as nearly as he could judge from the symptoms the poison had been in Robin's system about three quarters of an hour before he collapsed. The two detectives were positive their prisoner swallowed nothing on the way to court.

At Bellevue tonight the examining surgeon estimated that Robin had taken one-tenth of a grain. Robin seemed in good health, better than at any time since his trouble commenced, and he made no effort to screen his face from the cameras as hitherto. His first sign of illness was when he staggered in getting from his automobile at the criminal courts building.

In the elevator he weakened so rapidly that the detectives had to lift him to a couch ere he sank into unconsciousness, and was not revived until the stomach pump had been used vigorously. Its prompt use undoubtedly saved his life.

In view of the fact that the defendant could not possibly be arraigned the case was adjourned until further advice as to Robin's condition. Robin's frustrated attempt today leaves the question of his sanity still open.

## RESCUED HIS PRISONER

From Mob Bent on Lynching Him—  
Deputy Sheriff Lands Alleged  
Murderer in Prison.

Gulfport, Miss., Dec. 30.—After rescuing his prisoner from a mob bent on lynching him, Deputy Sheriff J. M. Williams arrived here tonight with Jesse Odum, charged with murder in Bond, Miss., and placed him in the county jail for safe keeping.

The prisoner bears two gun shot wounds inflicted by the mob.

## TO RECOGNIZE ESTRADA

U. S. Waits For Nicaragua Constitu-  
tional Convention to Declare  
Him President.

Washington, Dec. 30.—As soon as the constitutional convention of Nicaragua, which meets at Nicaragua tomorrow, will demonstrate by a decisive vote that it is in favor of Estrada for president, the United States will recognize the present government of that republic.

The general belief continues to be that Estrada will be elected president for two years, at the expiration of which time a general election will be held.

## CLARENCE LEXOW DEAD.

New York, Dec. 30.—Clarence Lexow, formerly chairman of the senate committee to investigate the city government of New York, died at his home in Nyack, N. Y., tonight.

## American Beauty Who Has Become a Countess



The Countess of Ancaster, who was Eloise Laurence Breese of New York city, becomes a leader in high English social circles through the succession of her husband to the title and estates of the first Earl of Ancaster, who died recently. The Countess of Ancaster has been a close friend of Queen Mary, of Princess Patricia of Connaught and, of course, of most of the American women who ornament the peerage, like the Duchess of Marlborough and the Duchess of Roxburghe. The Earl and Countess of Ancaster have three children. Their son, three years old, now becomes by courtesy Lord Willoughby De Eresby and in the natural course of events will be Earl of Ancaster, so transferring some fresh American blood into the house of lords. The youthful lord's two sisters are respectively four years old and one year.

## COOK THANKS DANISH PEOPLE

DECLARES THEIR LOYALTY TO  
HIS INTERESTS REMAINS TO  
NURSE THE SPARK OF AMBITION.

New York, Dec. 30.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the traveler, in an interview today in the "Nordlyset," a local Danish paper, sends a message of thanks to the Danish people for his reception on his arrival from the north in 1909. The message which has been cabled to the leading papers in Copenhagen, is in part as follows: "In response to the offer of the 'Nordlyset' I take this opportunity to thank the Danish people for their uniform patience and loyalty to my interests. I have been deprived of much, but the sweetness of Danish hospitality will always remain to nurse the spark of ambition."

## BATH TUB TRUST COUNSEL CONFER WITH WICKERSHAM.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Attorneys for the individuals indicted as members of the so-called bath tub trust for the alleged violation of the Sherman act, appeared before the department of justice today in behalf of their clients. The trio of lawyers was headed by Rush Taggart, of New York. They declined to state the result of their conference.

## HELEN TAFT'S DEBUT

Occurred at White House Last Even-  
ing—Marine Band Furnished  
Music in East Room.

Washington, Dec. 30.—For the ball tonight at the White House in honor of Miss Helen Taft, the east room was enlarged by the building of a small wooden house outside one of the windows for the accommodation of the marine band orchestra which furnished the music.

Among the guests were Miss Louise Taft, daughter of Chas. P. Taft, brother of President Taft.

Several of Miss Helen's college chums and friends of her brother Robert were present.

Mrs. Taft and Miss Helen received the guests in the blue room.

## REBEL BAND IS PUT TO ROUT

MEXICAN TROOPS ENCOUNTER-  
ED SCOUTING PARTY IN MAL  
PASS WEDNESDAY—FEDER-  
ALS NOW HOLD THE PASS.

Chihuahua, Mex., Via El Paso, Tex., Dec. 30.—An official report was received here today stating that Col. Escudero, commanding a scouting force of the federals, encountered a band of insurgents in Mal Pass on Wednesday and that after some fighting the insurgents retired. No details were given with regard to the killed or wounded.

The report was sent by Gen. Lute to Gen. Hernandez, commanding the Chihuahua military zone. Gen. Lute declares that the path was cleared and it was he who asked for the repair train that left here this afternoon. This train did not enter the pass yesterday but at the railroad office today it was stated that the telegraph line would probably be restored by night.

In the absence of details the officials believe it was only a small band of scouting insurgents that was encountered. It is certain that Lute would not have ordered an unprotected repair train into the pass unless he felt certain there was no longer any opposition.

Wild rumors which have now been current for five days, continue, to the effect that there have been serious fighting.

## HELD OFFICERS AT BAY

Iowa Man Barricaded Himself After  
Killing His Wife—Finally In-  
duced to Surrender.

Keokuk, Iowa, Dec. 30.—After shooting and killing his wife in a fit of insane rage at New Boston, near here this morning and keeping a sheriff's posse at bay for hours, Christian Schock, a farmer, aged 40, was captured late tonight and brought to the Lee county jail here. Schock had recently been released from the hospital for the insane at Mt. Pleasant and probably will be returned to the hospital.

Following the killing of his wife during a quarrel this morning Schock barricaded himself in his home and defied the officers for several hours, but was finally induced by officers to surrender.

## IS GRANTED ANNULMENT

Mrs. Julia Kuttner Earle's Separation  
From Ferdinand Pinney Earle  
Now Complete.

New York, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Julia Kuttner Earle today obtained in the appellate division of the state supreme court an annulment of her marriage to Ferdinand Pinney Earle at Venice, Italy, on March 17, 1908.

Earle was divorced from Marie Emile Fishbacker in Paris in 1908, on her suit, for desertion. Her failure to transcribe a portion of the decree in the register where the marriage was recorded until three months after Earle's marriage to his second wife suspended the divorce till that period, and gave the second Mrs. Earle grounds to contest the validity of her marriage.

## RATES ARE SUSPENDED.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Tariffs filed with the interstate commerce commission by the Kansas City Southern, Missouri Pacific, St. Louis and San Francisco, St. Louis Southwestern, and the Texas and Pacific railroads tabulating rates with certain tap line connections, today were suspended by the commission from January 5, 1911, to April 15, 1911.

## NEXT MEETING IN BOSTON.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Boston was today chosen as the place for holding the 1911 convention of the American Buyers' Association. The date was set as August 29, 30 and 31. The executive committee in session here today decided on the time and place.

## MORE LAND WITHDRAWALS.

Washington, Dec. 30.—President Taft signed a proclamation today withdrawing 2,940 acres from the Boise National Forest, Idaho, and 563,333 for the Ozark forest, in Arkansas.

## EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR MEN.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 30.—A dynamite explosion on the tunnel being constructed by the Tennessee Coal Iron and Railway Company, in Ensley, caused the death of three laborers, two white and one negro, today.

## HORNET EXPECTED TO MAKE ATTACK ON PORTO CORTEZ

Porto Cortez, Via Wireless to New Orleans, Dec. 30.—An attack on Porto Cortez by the revolutionary gunboat Hornet, which was reported several miles off this coast last night, is expected. Several hundred government troops arrived this morning from Tegucigalpa and others came in this evening.

Fighting has already begun at Las Guabaceros, according to reports. Following rumors that the U. S. cruiser Tacoma had sighted the Hornet last night the American consul, at the instance of Commander Davis of the Tacoma, today warned all Americans to remain indoors if trouble started along the border.

## MEXICAN TROOPS ENCOUNTER FOUR DAYS HARD FIGHTING

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 30.—A special to the Times from its correspondent in Chihuahua says:

"Gen. Lute's relief column has encountered four days of fierce fighting near Casa Colorado and its loss is 600 men killed. The insurgents' loss is slight."

"The column is demoralized. Na-

proved futile.

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## HOXSEY MAKES A NEW RECORD

SURPASSED AMERICAN ENDUR-  
ANCE MARK IN AEROPLANE  
8 MINUTES—ALSO MAKES A  
HIGH FLIGHT.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 30.—Fearing that through some technical error or oversight the height record of 11,471 feet which he made last Monday might not stand, Arch Hoxsey, the California aviator, soared into the air today and broke all the world altitude records but his own. The two barographs he carried registered 10,575 feet. This is nearly 1,000 feet under the world's mark he established last Monday, but it is only 76 feet above the record Leghenieux made in Pau, France, a short time ago. A new record, however, must exceed the former mark by at least 300 feet. Therefore, if the International Federation of Aero Clubs refuses to recognize Hoxsey's feat of Monday as official, Leghenieux will retain the record, and the Californian will lose because the glory, prizes which aggregate nearly \$5,000.

Nevertheless, through today's performances he will have the satisfaction of knowing that he holds the American endurance record. He was in the air today 3 hours and 17 minutes, or 8 minutes longer than A. L. Welch.

## INTERESTING SESSION

Of Massachusetts Legislature Expected—Members Look Over U. S.  
Senatorial Field.

Boston, Dec. 30.—In anticipation of an unusually interesting session, up state members of the legislature have reached here and have engaged in looking over the United States senatorial field involving the political features of Henry Cabot Lodge.

The senate and general assembly of Massachusetts will convene next Wednesday with twenty-two Republicans and 60 Democrats in the senate, and 12 Republicans, 112 Democrats and 1 Socialist in the house.

How much insurgency there is, is yet a matter of conjecture. Close political observers say they detect signs of it in both parties.

## WARREN STEWART POST

Cairo G. A. R. Elected Officers Last  
Evening—John W. Cornell Com-  
mander—R. M. Bush Delegate

Warren Stewart Post G. A. R. held a meeting last night and elected officers for the coming year, as follows: John W. Cornell, Commander. R. M. Bush, Senior Vice Commander. John Hogan, Junior Vice Commander.

A. S. Moss, Chaplain. N. B. Thistlewood, Surgeon. H. A. Hannon, Officer of the Day. A. Comings, Quartermaster. Frank Cherry, Guard. R. M. Bush was designated delegate to the state encampment.

## ANOTHER GORGE BREAKS.

Pittsburg, Dec. 30.—The gorge in the Allegheny river at Preppont, Pa., broke early today and scouts of the various interests with tows of coal boats made up in Pittsburg harbor, got words to the captains in time for seven scows to pass Davis Island Dam before the ice came out of the Allegheny. The ice will be permitted to pass before the remainder of the fleet and scows is started.

## PROBE AFRICAN HUNT

Georgian Makes Suggestion in Letter  
to Representative Rainey,  
of Illinois.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The African hunting trip as organized and carried out by the Smithsonian Institute "via Roosevelt" is the subject of the latest congressional investigation, according to intimations received here today by Representative Rainey, of Illinois from a citizen of a Georgia town, who referred to such an inquiry as a "public service" and to the Smithsonian Institute as a "trash heap institution."

The Georgian declares that the extension of such an inquiry should include the way in which the African hunt expedition expense was borne by the Smithsonian Institute "would show waste, extravagance and squandering of public money."

## SEVENTY-THREE MORE INDICTED

TOTAL CHARGED WITH SELLING  
VOTES ADAMS COUNTY, OHIO,  
NOW 1141—FIFTY MORE  
PLEAD GUILTY.

West Union, O., Dec. 30.—The Adams county grand jury today returned 73 more indictments, and more than 50 persons appeared and pleaded guilty in connection with the investigation of the wholesale vote selling in the recent elections.

A majority of them were disfranchised for five years and fined \$5 to \$15. The total indicted now is 1141.

A man 57 years old was fined after pleading guilty, and said that vote buying conditions have existed in Adams county since he was a boy. Judge Blair expressed the opinion that there was an arrangement for vote buying by managers of both parties.

Of the 400 voters who have been before him each one said he had never been approached by more than one or two precinct workers, thus indicating that each one had his own list to look after.

## COMMISSION SEEMS ASSURED

WILL HAVE SUPERVISORY AU-  
THORITY OVER THE RAIL-  
ROADS OPERATING BETWEEN  
U. S. AND CANADA.

Washington, Dec. 30.—An international railway commission, with supervisory authority over the railroads operating between the United States and Canada, is practically assured.

After long negotiations between the United States and Canada a conclusion was reached that in the course of a few months regulatory authority will be extended over railway operation between the two countries.

Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the interstate commerce commission, and Hon. J. T. Mable, chief commissioner of the railroad commission of Canada, have been in conference several days.

## INJUNCTION MUST STAND

Judge McPherson Makes Decision in  
Alvia and Centerville Railway  
Case in Iowa.

Red Oak, Iowa, Dec. 30.—Judge Smith McPherson, in the United States district court today, made public his decision in the Alvia and Centerville Railroad case, and refused to dissolve his restraining order which forbade the sale of stock of the railroad to the Southern Iowa Traction Company.

The injunction was asked for by the Iowa Central railroad company, which operates rolling stock on the track of the other company and has a claim for service.

Details of the equity dispute will be settled by a master in chancery who will sit in Des Moines and file his decision within sixty days.

## ONE KILLED IN WRECK.

San Antonio, Dec. 30.—One passenger, James A. Ball, of Kansas City, was killed, 5 persons were seriously injured and a score of others bruised when a San Antonio and Arkansas Pass passenger train was wrecked at Patrus, 78 miles south of here, late today.

## BROKE DISTANCE RECORD.

Bue, France, Dec. 30.—Maurice Tabuteau, contesting for the Michelin cup, today broke the world's aviation record for distance, covering 62.66 miles in a continuous flight of 7 hours and 45 minutes.

## FOR 15 YEARS AT LEAST

Government Has Been Defrauded at  
Sugar Docks in New Orleans,  
Says Official.

Washington, Dec. 30.—"When the grand jury now investigating the sampling of sugar at New Orleans finishes its work it will be found that the frauds against the government there have been going on for at least fifteen years."

This statement was made today by an official of the customs service here.